

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously presented) An image output system including a plurality of output apparatuses, and a controller connected to the output apparatuses for controlling image outputs of the output apparatuses, wherein the controller comprises:

reception means for receiving a print job; and

control means,

the control means confirming whether the staple-printing is set in the print job received by the reception means,

the control means confirming whether high-speed printing is set in the print job, if the staple-printing is set,

the control means assigning all page images to one of the output apparatuses in order to carry out the staple-printing, if the high-speed printing is not set,

the control means canceling the staple-printing if the high-speed printing is set, and distributing image outputs to one or more of the output apparatuses which are in a printable state.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) An image output method of outputting images using a plurality of output apparatuses connected via a network, comprising:

~~confirming~~ confirming whether the staple-printing is set in a print job;

confirming whether high-speed printing is set in the print job, if the staple-printing is set,

assigning all page images to one of the output apparatuses in order to carry out the staple-printing, if the high-speed printing is not set,

canceling the staple-printing if the high-speed printing is set, and distributing image outputs to one or more of the output apparatuses which are in a printable state.

25. (Canceled)

26. (New) An image output system according to claim 22, wherein the high-speed printing is set for all or designated ones of the output apparatuses.

27. (New) An image output system according to claim 22, wherein the control means performs control to display a print result table when printing ends in an output destination display mode, the print result table indicating which output apparatus is used for printing each of the pages.

28. (New) An image output system according to claim 22, wherein the control means performs control to print a print result table when printing ends in an output destination print mode, the print result table indicating which output apparatus is used for printing each of the pages.

29. (New) An image output system including a plurality of output apparatuses, and a controller connected to the output apparatuses for controlling image outputs of the output apparatuses, wherein the controller comprises:

a reception section for receiving a print job; and

a control section,

the control section confirming whether staple-printing is set in the print job received by the reception section,

the control section confirming whether high-speed printing is set in the print job, if the staple-printing is set,

the control section assigning all page images to one of the output apparatuses in order to carry out the staple-printing, if the high-speed printing is not set,

the control section canceling the staple-printing if the high-speed printing is set, and distributing image outputs to one or more of the output apparatuses which are in a print-ready state.

30. (New) An image output method according to claim 24, wherein the high-speed printing is set for all or designated ones of the output apparatuses.